

Appln. No. 10/782,118
Amendment dated September 14, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed June 14, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 10 remain in this application. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 13 through 18 have been added.

Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ness.

Claims 1 through 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kobayashi.

Claims 6 through 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ness in view of Faust.

Claims 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ness in view of Mueller.

Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires "said pair of spaced lower section panels being detachably coupled together and said pair of spaced upper section panels being detachably coupled together such that said pair of spaced lower section panels are completely separable from each other and said pair of spaced upper section panels are completely separable from each other".

It is submitted that the cited patents, and especially the allegedly obvious combination of Ness, Kobayashi, Faust, and Mueller set forth in the rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claim 1. Further, claims 2 through 10, which depend from claim 1, also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1 through 10 is therefore respectfully requested.

New Claims

New claim 14 requires that "said upper section panels are detachably coupled by complimentary upper section snap portions extending from said upper section panels, said upper section snap portions being configured to hold said upper section panels in spaced relationship to each other when said complimentary upper section snap portions are joined together to couple said upper section panels together" and that "said lower section panels are detachably coupled by complimentary lower section snap portions extending from said lower section panels, said lower section snap portions being configured to hold said lower section panels in spaced relationship to each other when said complimentary lower section snap portions are joined together to couple said lower section panels together.

New claim 15 requires that "a first portion of said complimentary upper section snap portions on a first one of said upper section panels include a concave socket and a second portion of said complimentary upper section snap portions on a second one of said upper section panels include a protrusion that is complementary in shape to said concave socket" and that "a first portion of said complimentary lower section snap portions on a first one of said lower section panels include a concave socket and a second portion of said complimentary lower section snap portions on a second one of said lower section panels include a protrusion that is complementary in shape to said concave socket".

New claim 16 requires that "each of said complementary snap portions of said upper section panels and said lower section panels has a substantially frustaconical exterior surface".

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New claim 17 requires that "each of said snap portions of said upper section panels and said lower section panels extends a distance from a respective one of the respective said upper section panels and said lower section panels, the distance for each of said snap portions being substantially equal".

New claim 18 requires that "said spaced lower section panels are substantially coextensive with each other and said spaced upper section panels are substantially coextensive with each other".

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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